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MAKOTO SATOH, ET AL.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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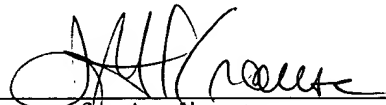
These documents were cited by the Japanese Patent Office on April 23, 2002, in an application corresponding to the present case. In this regard, the second cited Japanese patent application corresponds to U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,997, a copy of which is attached. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also attached, as well as a translation of the pertinent parts thereof.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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